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1. Throughout the period of the report the weather was very inclement with poor visibility and intermittent snow falls. Flying was noticed on one occasion only. On 19 December, six MIG 15's and two LI-2's were observed on the field. Eight MIG 15's and two LI-2's were there on 29 December. On both of these dates, two MIG 15's were parked in an apparent state of readiness at the take-off end of the runway. A small truck together with two two-wheeled starting carriages were parked next to the aircraft throughout the period. One starting carriage was a box-like apparatus, approximately 1x1x1 meters. The other one was flat and carried two long cylinders which were approximately two meters long. 25X1

2. On numerous occasions the sound of jet engines being run up could be heard behind the damaged hangars on the northern perimeter of the airfield.

3. On 18 December, at 1230 hrs, five MIG 15's parked along the southern perimeter of the airfield, were started up and taxied down to the eastern end of the runway. These aircraft then took off in rapid succession maintaining a regular interval of approximately 100 meters between each successive plane. The MIG 15's used approximately three quarters of the entire length of the runway before becoming airborne. 25X1 After making several low circuits of the nearby town of Parchim, the aircraft flew off in a loose formation in a north-easterly direction. These five aircraft did not return to the airfield.

4. (a) A local railway official in casual conversation said that on the 15, 16, and 18 December, a total of 80 SAF personnel, together with their full personal equipment, entrained at Parchim station for Ludwigslust.

   (b) During this same period prior to Christmas, a train consisting of eight flats each containing a large packing case arrived at Parchim railway station and remained there several hours guarded by a party of SAF personnel. The train later departed along the siding leading in the direction of the airfield. The packing cases were estimated to measure approximately 10x4x4 meters.

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(c) The tenants of the small holdings adjoining the south-western perimeter of the airfield, mainly in the area between the Parchim/Sportnitz road and the Parchim/Ludwigslust railway, are still refused entry onto their land. They were instructed to apply for permits from the airfield Commandant, but to date no such permits have been issued.

5. No definite estimate of the number of personnel stationed on the airfield is at present possible, but after dusk a majority of the main barrack buildings are illuminated, giving the appearance of their being fully occupied.

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Comment. If correct, this information would indicate the reoccupation of Parchim airfield.



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